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SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION: IS THE ZIMBABWE INTERNAL AGREEMENT "AN
ACT OF FRAUD BY IAN SMITH?"

1. RHODESIAN PRIME MINISTER SMITH MIGHT BE USING THE PRESENCE OF THE

THREE MODERATE BLACK NATIONALIST LEADERS IN THE RECENTLY FORMED
EXECUTIVE COUNCIL AS "EVIDENCE OF BLACK SUPPORT FOR THE MILITARY
OPERATIONS HE COULD UNDERTAKE AGAINST NEIGHBORING INDEPENDENT
AFRICAN STATES", WARNS ZAIRE OFFICIAL NEWS AGENCY BULLETIN FRONT
PAGE EDITORIAL (MARCH 25). EDITORIAL POINTS OUT RECENT REFORMS
MADE BY SMITH REGIME CHARGING THAT "FROM NOW ON, ALL THE MILITARY
MATTERS ARE UNDER THE EXCLUSIVE CONTROL OF (THE NEWLY CREATED)
DEFENSE COUNCIL WHICH IS COMPOSED OF WHITE MILITARY OFFICERS WHO
CONTROL THE RHODESIAN ARMED FORCES AND THE POLICE."

2. COMMENTARY ASSERTS THAT INTERNAL SETTLEMENT IS INCAPABLE
OF BRINGING ABOUT PEACE WHICH PEOPLE OF ZIMBABWE, BLACKS AND
WHITES, NEED TO BUILD A NEW RACIALLY INTEGRATED AND PROSPEROUS
NATION. "THE INTERNAL ACCORD", CONTINUES COMMENTARY, "WILL
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NOT STOP THE WAR THAT THE GUERRILLAS ARE WAGING AGAINST
RHODESIA FROM BOTH INSIDE AND OUTSIDE BECAUSE THE PATRIOTIC
FRONT, WHICH DIRECTS THE GUERRILLA OPERATIONS AGAINST THE
SMITH REGIME, HAS REJECTED THE AGREEMENT."

3. "THE INTERNAL SETTLEMENT THAT RESULTED FROM THE SALISBURY
TALKS WAS JUST A DEVICE USED BY IAN SMITH TO GAIN TIME" AND

TO INSURE WHITE MINORITY CONTROL OF POWER, CONCLUDES EDITORIAL.
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